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## Firewood Permit Availability Moved to Week of January 6

John Day, OR - Malheur National Forest officials have moved the selling of firewood permits from February 4<sup>th</sup> too early in the week of January 6.

"Because the forecast is predicting sunny and fairly dry weather for the next couple of weeks, we feel that we can move the date to early January as most roads should be drivable without suffering resource damage," said Steve Beverlin, Acting Forest Supervisor. "However, should we receive enough precipitation that could make our roads vulnerable to damage, we may need to temporarily close firewood cutting until things dry out," he added.

Firewood cutters are asked to not drive off-road if resource damage could occur due the ground being wet enough to end up being deeply rutted, etc.

Changes for 2014 to the system that generates firewood permits need to be made prior to the Forest being able to sell permits. Malheur National Forest hopes to have those changes made and firewood permits available by Tuesday, January 7.

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